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Referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the service of the 1,200 soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade of the Georgia Army National Guard as they deploy to Bosnia for nine months, recognizing their sacrifice while away from their jobs and families during that deployment, and recognizing the important role of all National Guard and Reserve personnel at home and abroad to the national security of the United States.

Whereas on February 2, 2001, 1,200 National Guard citizen-soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade of the Georgia Army National Guard were activated at Fort Stewart, Georgia, as one of the last official steps before the brigade departs for a nine-month deployment in Bosnia;

Whereas this brigade of Georgia Guardsmen represents the largest such deployment of National Guard personnel in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization peace-keeping mission in Bosnia and is the largest mobilization of Georgia National Guard personnel since Operation Desert Storm in 1991;

Whereas the deploying soldiers have been involved in training for their mission in Bosnia since early December and will depart for Bosnia throughout March, with the last elements scheduled to depart on March 22;

Whereas the Georgia Guardsmen have been ordered to active duty for a period of 270 days and are not expected to return home until October 2001 at the earliest;

Whereas the more than 1,200,000 citizen-soldiers who comprise the National Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces nationwide commit significant time and effort in executing their important role in the Armed Forces; and

Whereas these National Guard and Reserve citizen-soldiers serve a critical role as part of the mission of the Armed Forces to protect the freedom of United States citizens and the American ideals of justice, liberty, and freedom, both at home and abroad: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) honors the service and commitment of the
4 1,200 citizen-soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade
5 of the Georgia Army National Guard as they depart
6 for Bosnia for a deployment of nine months;

7 (2) honors the sacrifices made by the families
8 and employers of these individuals during their time
9 away from home;

1 (3) recognizes the critical importance of the Na-
2 tional Guard and Reserve components to the secu-
3 rity of the United States; and

4 (4) supports providing the necessary resources
5 to ensure the continued readiness of the National
6 Guard and Reserve.

Passed the Senate March 15, 2001.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.